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SUBJ: PLANNING THE "RED FLAG" WAY

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1. SUMMARY. IN AN ARTICLE REMARKABLY SIMILAR IN THRUST TO CHOU EN-LAI'S WORK REPORT, "RED FLAG" (JAN 1) HAS ISSUED A CALL FOR LONG-RANGE PLANNING. THE ARTICLE DRAWS UPON A DIRECTIVE -- "OVERALL PLANNING, STRONGER LEADERSHIP" -- ISSUED BY MAO "A LONG TIME AGO" TO URGE THE DRAWING UP OF LONG-RANGE PLANS FOR BUILDING SOCIAL-ISM. KEYING ON PRAGMATISM, THE ARTICLE ATTACKS UNREAL-ISTIC PLANNING AND BY IMPLICATION POINTS TO THE DIFFICULTY IN INSPIRING INCREASED OUTPUT THROUGH EXHORTATION WHILE KEEPING GOALS WITHIN REASON. END SUMMARY.

2. PRAGMATISM IS THE KEYNOTE OF THE ARTICLE ENTITLED "IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE AN OVERALL PLAN". IT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT "HACKNEYED CONSERVATIVE VIEW-POINTS" ARE TO BE OPPOSED, BUT IT LEAVES NO DOUBT THAT ITS REAL CONCERN IS UNREALISTIC PLANNING. THE "MASSES", ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, DO NOT DESIRE "HOLLOW AND UNREALISTIC GRANDIOUS SCHEMES", WHICH IN "NO WAY REFLECT THE LOFTY AMBITIONS OF THE PROLETARIAT." IN MAKING

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PLANS, THE ARTICLE CONTINUES, IT IS "NECESSARY TO AVOID

UNREALISTIC WAYS OF DOING THINGS" AND ENSURE " ENOUGH
LEEWAY."

3. "RED FLAG", QUOTING MAO, STATES THAT THE PURPOSE
OF LONG TERM PLANNING IS TO PROVIDE A LONG-RANGE TARGET
SO THAT THE "SIGHT OF PEOPLE" WILL NOT BE "RESTRICTED TO
THE STEP IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THEM." ONLY IN THIS WAY
CAN SHORT-TERM PLANNING BE PROPERLY REALIZED. IN
CLOSING, THE ARTICLE FORESEES A PROCESS OF "OVERALL
PLANNING AND STRONGER LEADERSHIP", WHICH WILL END "SEVERAL
FIVE YEAR PERIODS HENCE" -- BY THE "21ST CENTURY"--
WITH CHINA BECOMING A "POWERFUL SOCIALIST INDUSTRIAL
COUNTRY."

4. ALTHOUGH IT PRECEDED CHOU EN-LAI'S WORK REPORT BY
A COUPLE OF WEEKS, THE "RED FLAG" ARTICLE BEARS HIS
IMPRINT AND PROVIDES THEORETICAL SUPPORT TO THE PRAG-
MATIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY BE OUTLINED AT THE
NPC (HK-818). (PROVINCIAL RESPONSE TO THE CALL FOR
LONG-RANGE PLANNING IS ALREADY BEGINNING TO SHOW UP IN
INNER MONGOLIA (REFTEL) AND IN MEDIA PUBLICATION OF
10-YEAR PLANS OF ADVANCED UNITS (TSINGHAI, JANUARY 22;
CHEKIANG, JANUARY 30). THE ATTACK ON "GRANDIOSE
SCHEMES" UNDERLINES THIS RATIONAL APPROACH. IT ALSO
BY IMPLICATION POINTS TO THE PROBLEM -- ESPECIALLY AT
THE LOCAL LEVEL -- THAT RELYING ESSENTIALLY ON INSPIRA-
TION TO ACHIEVE INCREASED OUTPUT CAN LEAD TO UNREALISTIC
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